75,000, over 60 per cent, of whom live in the city, Rajkot has an average income of 11| *lakhs* of rupees. Of this nearly 7 *lakhs* are appropriated by the Rajah and his retinue. To satisfy their greed, monopolies have been granted for articles of everyday use, like matches, ice and sugar. Another source of income is licensed gambling.

The Administration, the Dewan, distributes offices of the Government to his relatives and favourites, though the Constitution provides for a Popular Assembly. I understand that it has not met for years. The people put up with oppression for a long time. Recently the Dewan entrusted his work to his son and appointed his nephew Police Superintendent—both unpopular men. These instances of nepotism provoked the people at a time when they were becoming increasingly conscious of their lack of democratic rights. On August 16th there ensued a brutal *lathi* charge by the police; the struggle for the abolition of licensed gambling became a struggle against the State, and a United People's Committee was formed.

After the *lathi* charge, in which 200 were wounded and eighty thrown into jail, a wave of indignation swept through Kathiawar, and police orders were defied on a mass basis. The people demanded the dismissal of the Dewan and his nephew, and responsible government. A social reform movement had become a political struggle.

The right wing Congress leader of Gujerat, Sardar Patel, unexpectedly denounced the Administration. He has always supported the policy of non-intervention in states' affairs, but it is reported that he has even advocated a united front with the Socialists hi the state in order to carry on the struggle.

But the most important issue is in the supposedly progressive state of Travancore, where scenes like those common in British India during the Civil Disobedience days have become common. In. three centres the military have fired on the crowds and *lathi* charges occur daily. The leaders of the State Congress are in prison, but the people are,united in their determination to win political rights. The brilliant and well-known Dewan, Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, boasted that he would crush the State Conference, but to-day he faces a growing mass movement. Prohibitory orders are defied, and the people's movement grows. The students responded to the call of a general strike, and girls